

FORM B - BUILDING

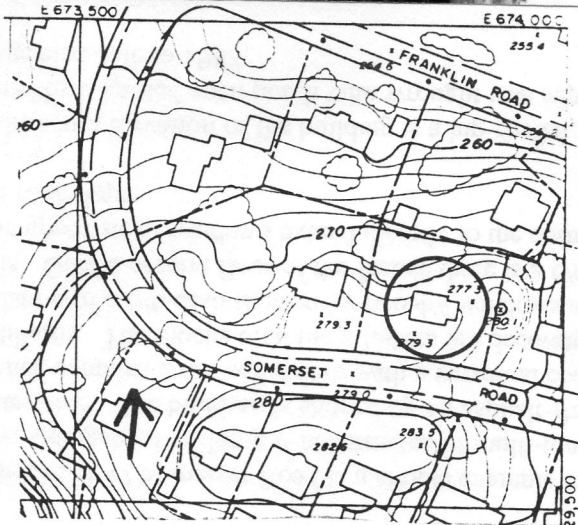
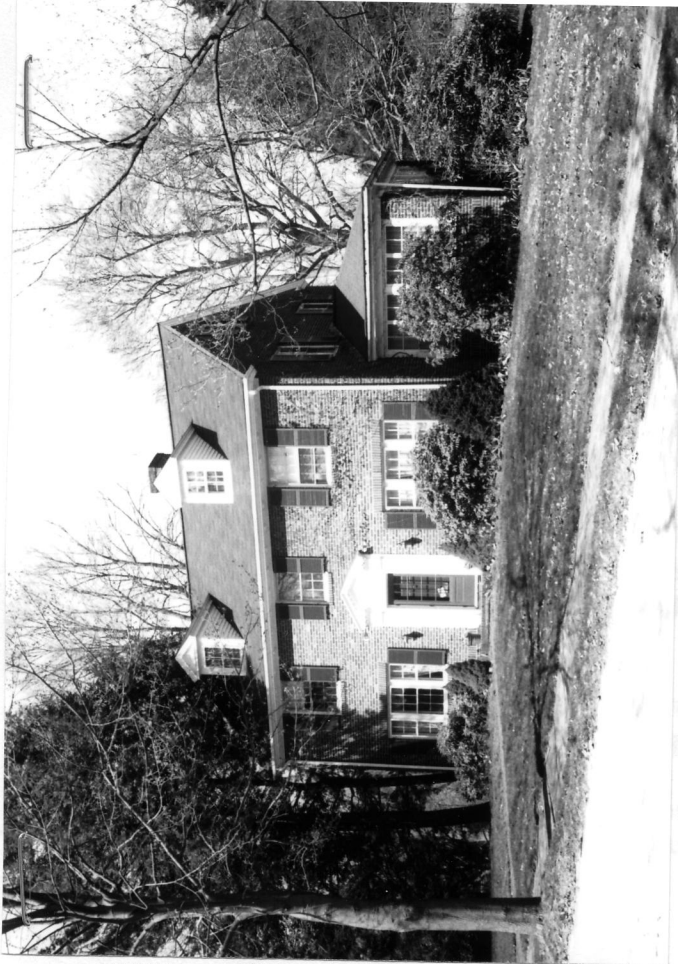
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Massachusetts Historical Commission



Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village) Upper Meriam Hill

Address 42 Somerset Road

Historic Name George and Marjorie Emery House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1923

Source Lexington Valuation Lists

Style/Form Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation brick

Wall/Trim brick

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

none

Major Alterations (with dates) 1988-open porch on north side, rear addition and built-in garage

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 16,750 SF

Setting early 20th century residential neighborhood

Recorded by Lisa Mausolf

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) May 2000

Follow Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Manual instructions for completing this form.

BUILDING FORM (42 Somerset Road)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The house at 42 Somerset Road is a simple example of early 20th century Colonial Revival architecture. The 2 1/2-story, 3 x 2-bay, side-gabled building is constructed of multi-toned brick laid in a stretcher bond with a course of soldier brick acting as a watertable. The building is capped by an asphalt-shingled roof; the close side eaves end in shallow returns. The center entrance contains a six-panel door with a surround consisting of fluted pilasters supporting a broken pediment with moldillions. The blocks atop the pilasters are decorated by dentils. On either side of the entrance is a tripartite window consisting of a 6/6 sash flanked by two 4/4 windows and louvered shutters. The windows have brick sills and flat arch brick lintels. On the second floor of the facade there is a 6/6 window over the entrance and a 8/8 window on either side. The tops of the upper story windows extend directly to the cornice without lintels. There are two clapboarded gable dormers on the front roof slope.

On the south elevation of the building is a hip-roofed, single story sun porch lit by casement windows. The north side is fronted by a gabled open porch with wrought iron supports, constructed in 1988. The clapboarded rear addition and built-in garage also date to 1988.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Describe the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

(see 60 Meriam St.)
MHC # 388

This land was originally part of the 400-acre Francis B. Hayes estate which extended from Adams and Hancock Streets to Woburn Street (the house known as Oakmount or The Castle was built in 1884 and demolished in 1941). This portion of the Hayes estate was laid out in houselots in 1909.

This house was constructed about 1923 for George and Marjorie Emery. Assessors records indicate that in 1923 the 25-year old Emery lived at 18 Hancock Street. In 1924 George W. Emery was assessed for a house valued at \$9,000 on a 16,750 SF lot on Somerset Road. Directories indicate that George Emery worked as a cotton importer.

The Emerys continued to own the Somerset Road property until about 1940. Later owners included Allen and Elise Rucker (c.1940-1953) and Wilbur and Virginia Jaquith (1953-1986). The present owners purchased the house in 1986.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Lexington Assessors Records.
Lexington Directories, various dates.
Lexington Valuation Lists, various dates.

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attached a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*